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Lt. Governor Peter Kinder names Don Coles of Arnold as Senior Service Award Winner

Award recognizes volunteer work by Missouri Seniors

JEFFERSON CITY – Missouri Lt. Governor Peter Kinder today announced 35 winners of the Lieutenant Governor’s Senior Service Award, including Don Coles of Arnold.

Lt. Governor Kinder presented the awards today (May 8) at a luncheon for the winners and their guests outside his office in the Capitol. Coles was nominated by Rachel Fees, hospice volunteer coordinator, and Sally Droege, volunteer money management program manager, of Lutheran Senior Services of St. Louis.

Since 2008, Coles has volunteered with LSS Hospice Care, where he serves as a hospice companion and respite volunteer and in the volunteer money management program. Through weekly visits, Coles provides companionship to terminally ill patients. Through the money management program, he uses his experience as an accountant to help disabled clients with budgeting and other financial matters.

“In his years as a Hospice volunteer, our whole team has witnessed his heart for what the program offers patients and families,” Fees and Droege wrote in their nomination. “Through his work as a volunteer, Don has helped our patients and families live life to the fullest, assisting with providing quality of life for terminally ill patients in a variety of ways.”

Lt. Governor Kinder presented Coles with an official declaration and a Senior Service Award lapel pin at a ceremony in the Capitol.

“Don Coles sets an example for all Missourians with his kindness and willingness to serve terminally ill patients and others in his community,” Kinder said. “His selfless service is an inspiration to all who know him.”

Kinder this year received more than 150 nominations for the Senior Service Award, naming 34 winners representing the state's 34 Senatorial Districts and one at-large winner. Coles won in District 22.